

The issue of broadcast ownership is an issue of freedom of the press and it is frightening that we are considering allowing any further increases in media ownership concentration in local markets. Despite the new sources of media information, the vast majority of the nation receives its news from the 5 networks and the local newspapers. The lack of coverage by the networks on this important issue for our democracy already indicates that we already have too much concentration of corporate ownership not too little. This effort by Michael Powell should be stopped immediately.